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Lincoln MacVeagh Telegram re: Obtaining
Tito's Aid in Escape of Jews from Hungary 4/13/44
PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: The American Minister, Cairo
TO: The Secretary of State, Washington
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With a view to obtaining Tito's active aid in facilitating the escape of Jews from Hungary through Partisan territory to Italy and the Mediterranean region, the Foreign Office at London, at the request of various Jewish bodies, has instructed its Yugoslavian Embassy to approach him (Tito) through McLean. It is added by the Foreign Office that the maintenance and care of such refugees when they arrive in the Middle East and Italy will be presumably the responsibility of M.E.H.A. and the Allied Displaced Persons Commission and that arrangements to receive them should be made with those organizations. The Foreign Office concludes that the British Embassy should keep in touch with this Embassy in view of the cooperation between His Government and the United States Government concerning refugee questions.

Yesterday a member of the British Embassy, pursuant to this instruction, called at this office and made inquiries regarding the United States' attitude with reference to this project after informing us that an appropriate message is being sent to McLean. In reply he was advised that the President in an Executive Order

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dated January 22 which was quoted in a circular airgram from the
Department dated 7 p.m., January 26, and which was shown to him,
set forth the United States' policy with regard to the maintain-
nance of refugees from Europe although the Embassy is without
specific instructions concerning this particular endeavor.

My informant in response to an inquiry said that since the
Allied mission to Mihailovitch is being withdrawn, no (repeat no)
similar effort to arrange passage through Mihailovitch territory
for refugees is possible.

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